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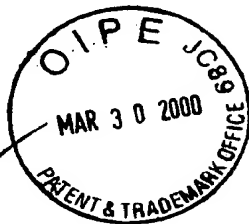
In re Application of

KATAFUCHI et al.

Appln. No. 09/196129

Filed: November 20, 1998

For: OXYGEN SENSING ELEMENT USED
IN AN OXYGEN SENSOR



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The Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Petition is hereby made under Rule 97(d) for consideration of the following IDS for which the requisite petition fee under Rule 17(i)(1) of \$130 is attached herewith. Should that fee be missing or inadequate, please charge the deficiency to our Deposit Account No. 03-3975 under Order No. 60388/257863 for which purpose this paper is submitted in duplicate.

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Respectfully submitted,

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
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